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permission to the parties concerned if they so desire, none of the 54 applicants has been given permission to cultivate cultivable waste lands belonging to private landlords?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Sir, lands can be allotted under this category under section 52 of the Malabar Tenancy Act and also under the Madras Private Forests Preservation Act. Certain conditions and rules have to be followed in this matter. These applications do not come under that category, Sir.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Is it not a fact, Sir, that under section 3 of the Preservation of Private Forests Act of the State, private 'poonam' cultivators can be given permission by the Collector to cultivate and if so why was not action taken in this connexion? 8-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : As regards poonam cultivation, rule 5 says only lands which have been under poonam or kumri cultivation within ten years prior to the year in which they are sought to be cultivated could be allotted.

Flood havoc in Kasaragod

* 2433 *Q.*— SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri K. P. Gopalan) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hon. the Chief Minister received a memorandum on 22nd November 1953 from the fishermen of Kasaragod, Adukkath Vayal, South Kanara, requesting the Government to take steps to cut a bar in Chandragiri river so as to prevent devastation of houses and properties which take place every year owing to floods ; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI : (*a*) Representations in regard to the matter were received.

(*b*) The Government ordered cutting open the bar. The excavation of the bar was done to a width of 10 feet, but the bar has begun to move to the south and it is considered that no remedial measures are necessary now. Further measures if any required can be taken only on actual observations during the monsoon.

Venkataramayya Award

* 2434 *Q.*—SRI K. T. RAJU (on behalf of Sri P. Jeevanandam) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether any of the recommendations of the Venkataramayya Award have been implemented in the Government Transport, Madras?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN : The award of the Industrial Tribunal (Sri M. Venkataramayya) constituted in 1947